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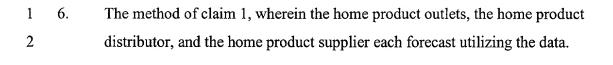
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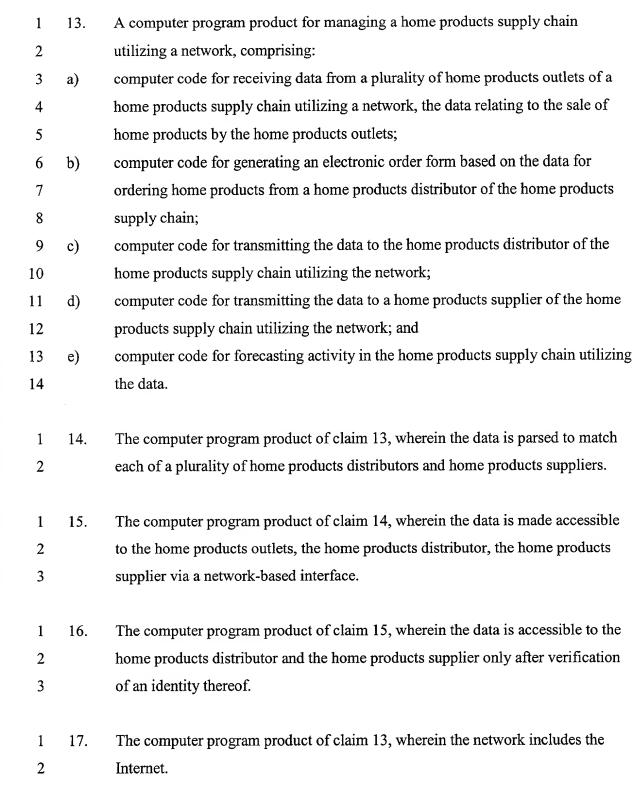
What is claimed is:

1	1.	A method for managing a home product supply chain utilizing a network,
2		comprising:
3	a)	receiving data from a plurality of home product outlets of a home product supply
4		chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of home products by the
5		home product outlets;
6	b)	generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering home products
7		from a home product distributor of the home product supply chain;
8	c)	transmitting the data to the home product distributor of the home product supply
9		chain utilizing the network;
10	d)	transmitting the data to a home product supplier of the home product supply chain
11		utilizing the network; and
12	e)	forecasting activity in the home product supply chain utilizing the data.
1	2.	The method of claim 1, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of
2		home product distributors and home product suppliers.
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1	3.	The method of claim 2, wherein the data is made accessible to the home product
2		outlets, the home product distributor, the home product supplier via a network-
3		based interface.
1	4.	The method of claim 2 and and decimal and a second
2	7.	The method of claim 3, wherein the data is accessible to the home product
3		distributor and the home product supplier only after verification of an identity thereof.
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The method of claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.



- 7. A system for managing a home products supply chain utilizing a network,
 comprising:
- a) logic for receiving data from a plurality of home products outlets of a home products supply chain utilizing a network, the data relating to the sale of home products by the home products outlets;
- 6 b) logic for generating an electronic order form based on the data for ordering home 7 products from a home products distributor of the home products supply chain;
- 8 c) logic for transmitting the data to the home products distributor of the home products supply chain utilizing the network;
- 10 d) logic for transmitting the data to a home products supplier of the home products supply chain utilizing the network; and
- 12 e) logic for forecasting activity in the home products supply chain utilizing the data.
- 1 8. The system of claim 7, wherein the data is parsed to match each of a plurality of home products distributors and home products suppliers.
- 1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein the data is made accessible to the home products outlets, the home products distributor, the home products supplier via a network-based interface.
- 1 10. The system of claim 9, wherein the data is accessible to the home products
 2 distributor and the home products supplier only after verification of an identity
 3 thereof.
- 1 11. The system of claim 7, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 12. The system of claim 7, wherein the home products outlets, the home products distributor, and the home products supplier each forecast utilizing the data.



- 1 18. The computer program product of claim 13, wherein the home products outlets,
- 2 the home products distributor, and the home products supplier each forecast
- 3 utilizing the data.